

AGENDA
Steering Committee Meeting, East County Plan
444 W. Beech Street, Room B
December 11, 2008
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

- 1:00 p.m. Introductions (Bryan Woods, Steering Committee Facilitator)**
- 1:05 p.m. Review/ Vote on May and June 2008 Steering Committee Meeting Minutes**
- 1:15 p.m. NCCP Planning Agreement Status**
- 1:20 p.m. Review Preliminary Draft East County Plan Map (Bryan Woods)**
- 2:30 p.m. Opportunity for Public Input (Bryan Woods)**
- 2:50 p.m. Next Steps/ Upcoming Meetings (Bryan Woods)**

Steering Committee Meeting Topic: Revisions to Preliminary Draft Preserve Map	January 22 , 2009 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm County Admin. Center 1600 Pacific Coast Hwy. Tower 7 (7th Floor)
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- 3:00 p.m. Closing Comments (Bryan Woods)**

Attachments:

1. PowerPoint Presentation
2. Draft Steering Committee Meeting Minutes (May 28, 2008 and June 25, 2008)
3. Steering Committee Member List
4. Preliminary Draft Preserve Map for East County Plan

Steering Committee Members, East County Plan

Steering Committee	Agency / Organization
Bryan Woods	Steering Committee Facilitator, County Planning Commission
Matthew Adams	Building Industry Association
Eric Anderson	San Diego County Farm Bureau
Jeff Barfield	RBF Consulting, Inc.
Craig Benedetto	California Strategies, LLC
Cherry Diefenbach	Pine Valley Community Planning Group
Larry Johnson	Lake Morena - Campo Community Planning Group
Tom Beltran	Native Plant Society
Judy Haldeman	Borrego Community Sponsor Group
David Hogan	Southwest Center for Biological Diversity
Abby King	Borrego Community Sponsor Group
Eric Larson	San Diego Farm Bureau
Libby Lucas	CA Department of Fish & Game
David Mayer	CA Department of Fish & Game
Rikki Schroeder	RMA Consultants
Dan Silver	Endangered Habitats League
Pete Sorensen	US Fish and Wildlife Service
Donna Tisdale	Boulevard Community Sponsor Group
Kathy Viatella	The Nature Conservancy
Jim Whalen	Alliance for Habitat Conservation
Susan Wynn	US Fish and Wildlife Service
Michelle Moreno	US Fish and Wildlife Service

EAST COUNTY PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING # 6

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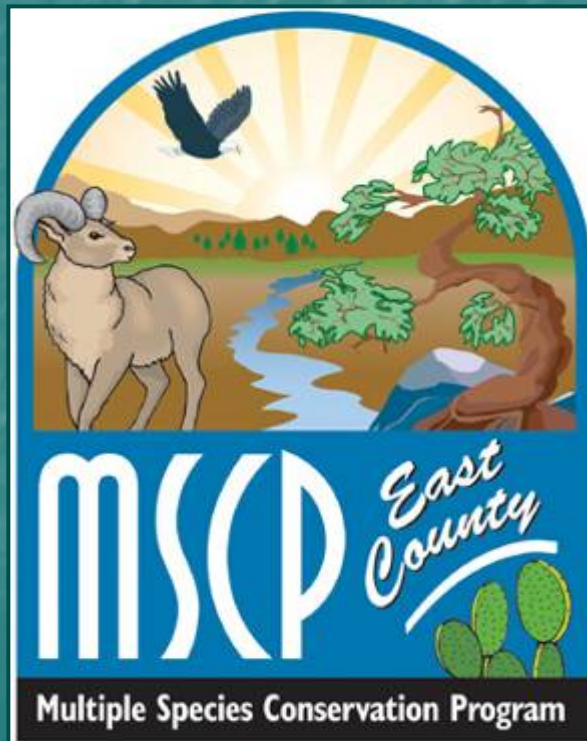
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OVERVIEW

EAST COUNTY PRESERVE DESIGN APPROACH



PRELIMINARY DRAFT PRESERVE MAP

- The map identifies Focused Conservation Areas (FCA) within the Plan Area.
- As the planning process continues, the map may be modified to reflect new information, goals, and policies.



FOCUSED CONSERVATION AREA POTENTIAL OPTIONS

Southern Region

- Traditional PAMA type preserve area.

Northern Region

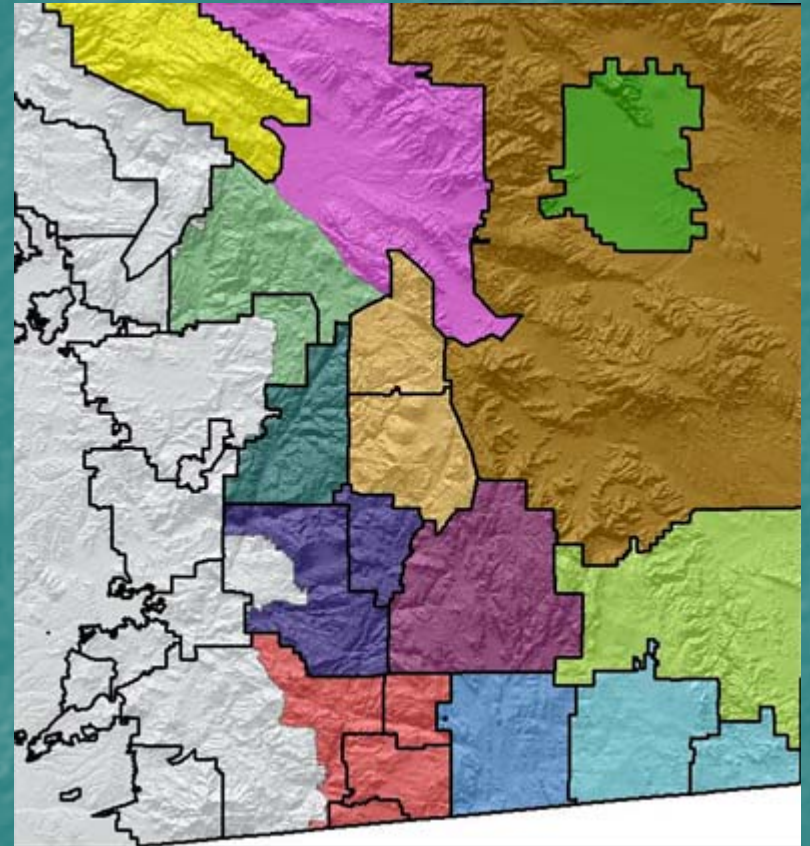
- Potential hybrid type preserve area.

Borrego Region

- Traditional PAMA type preserve area.

PRELIMINARY DRAFT MAP

- Divided Plan Area into segments.
- Identified key focal areas with Reserve Selection Algorithm (MARXAN).
- Reviewed pending discretionary permits.
- Worked with the Wildlife Agencies.



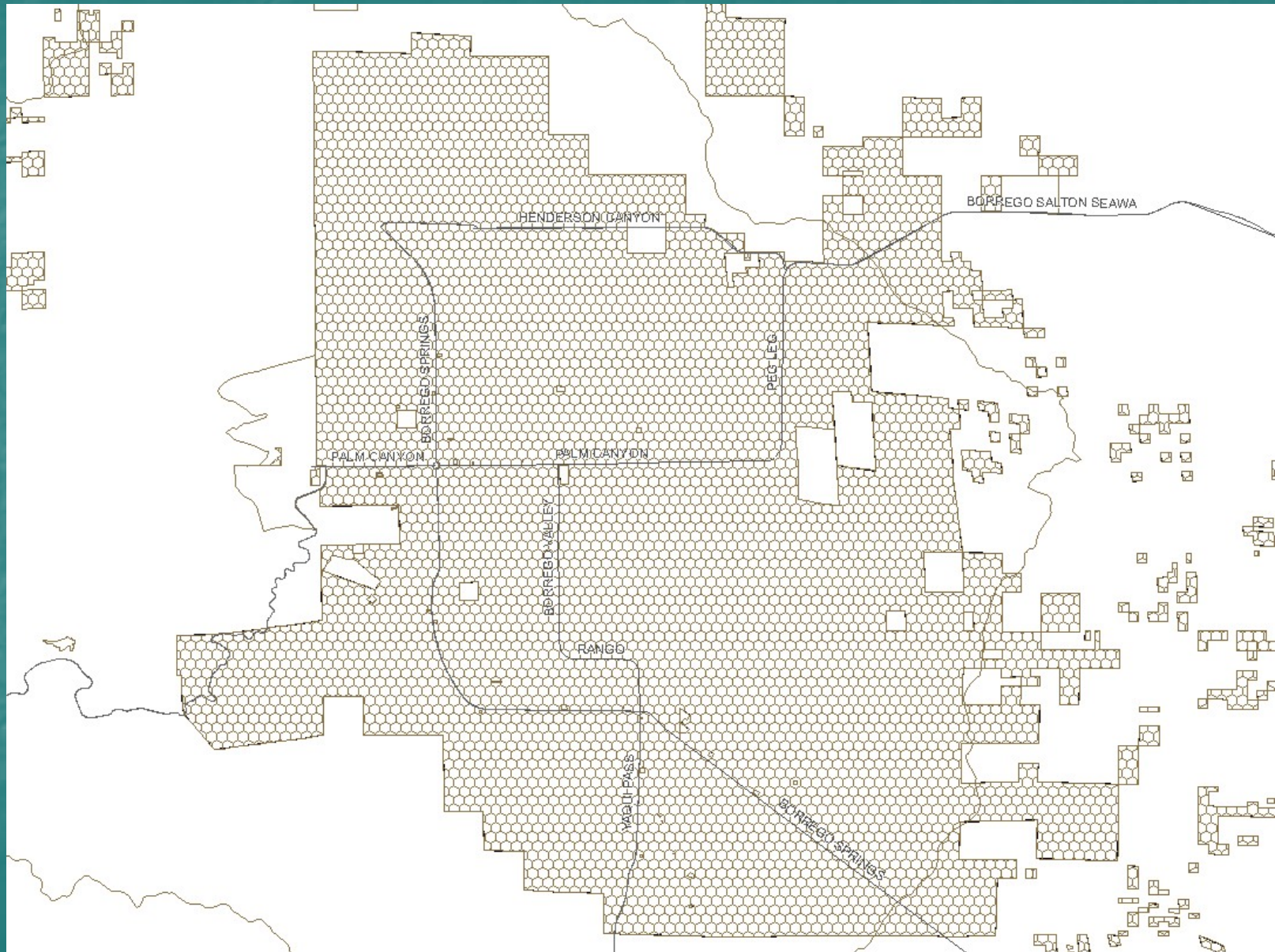
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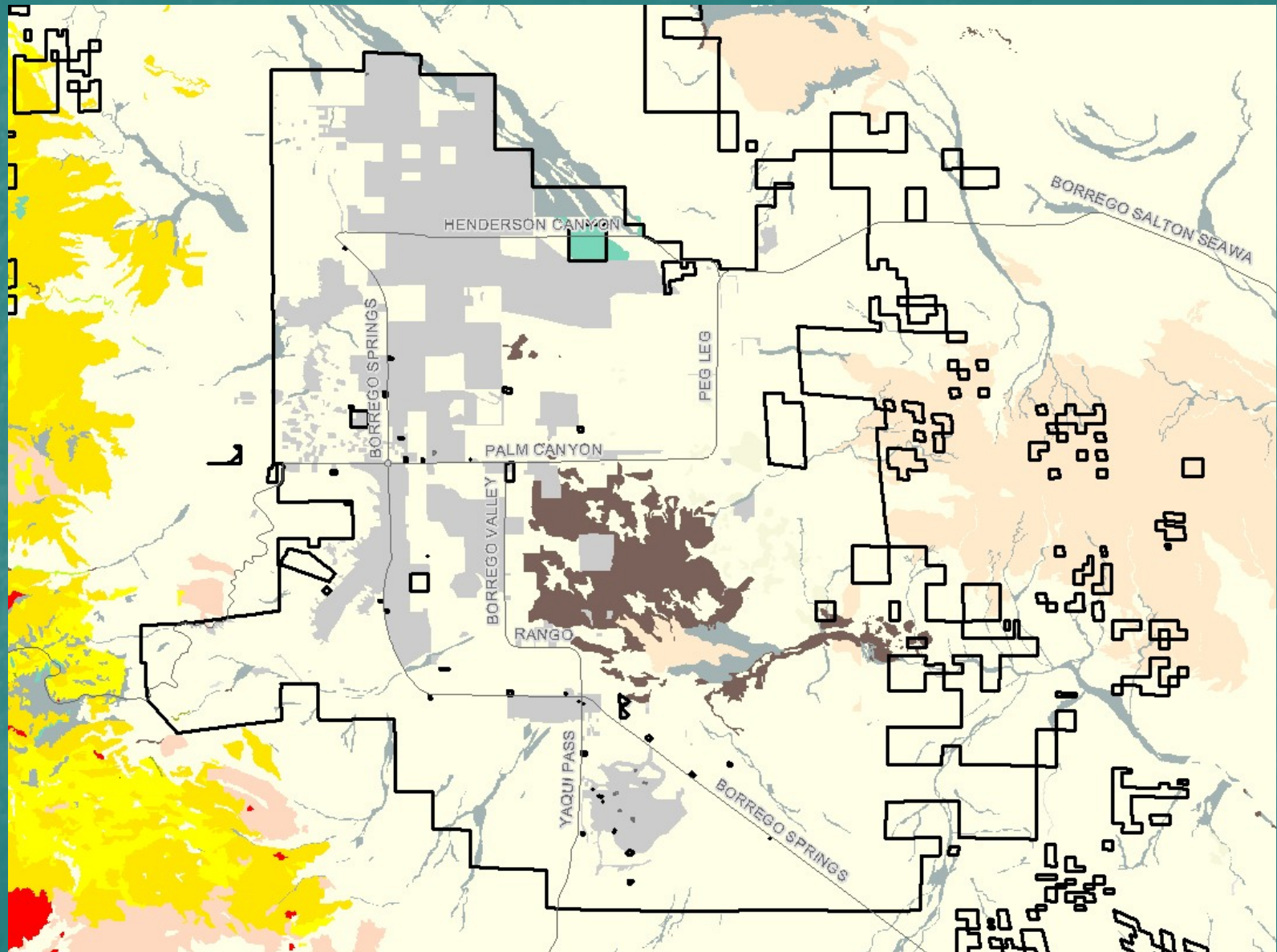


- Identified focal species.
- Developed Study Area goals.
- Determined conservation assumptions for public lands based on level of protection.
- Identified Plan Area conservation goals.
- Input sensitive element layers into MARXAN (e.g., vegetation, soils, focal species).

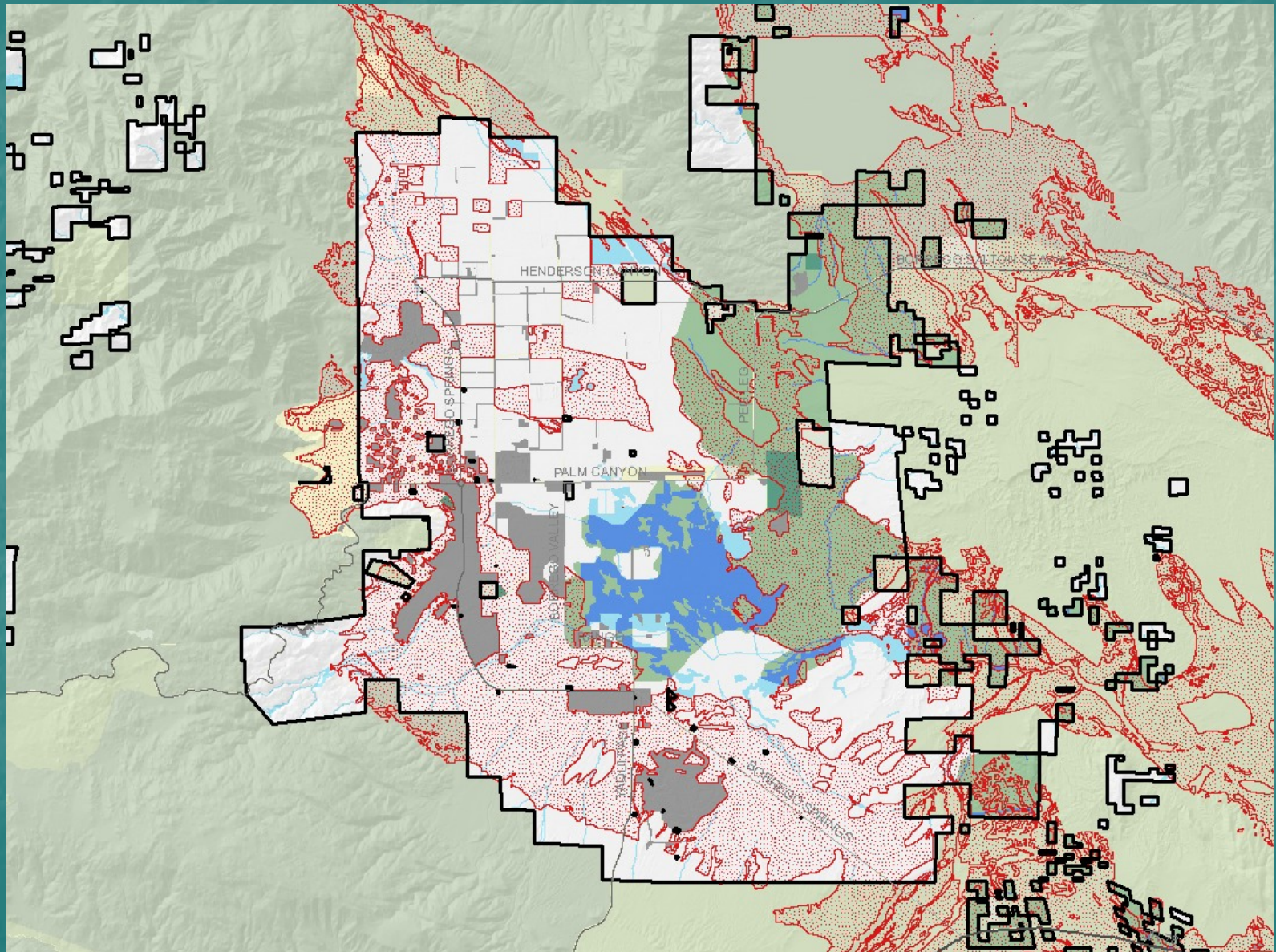
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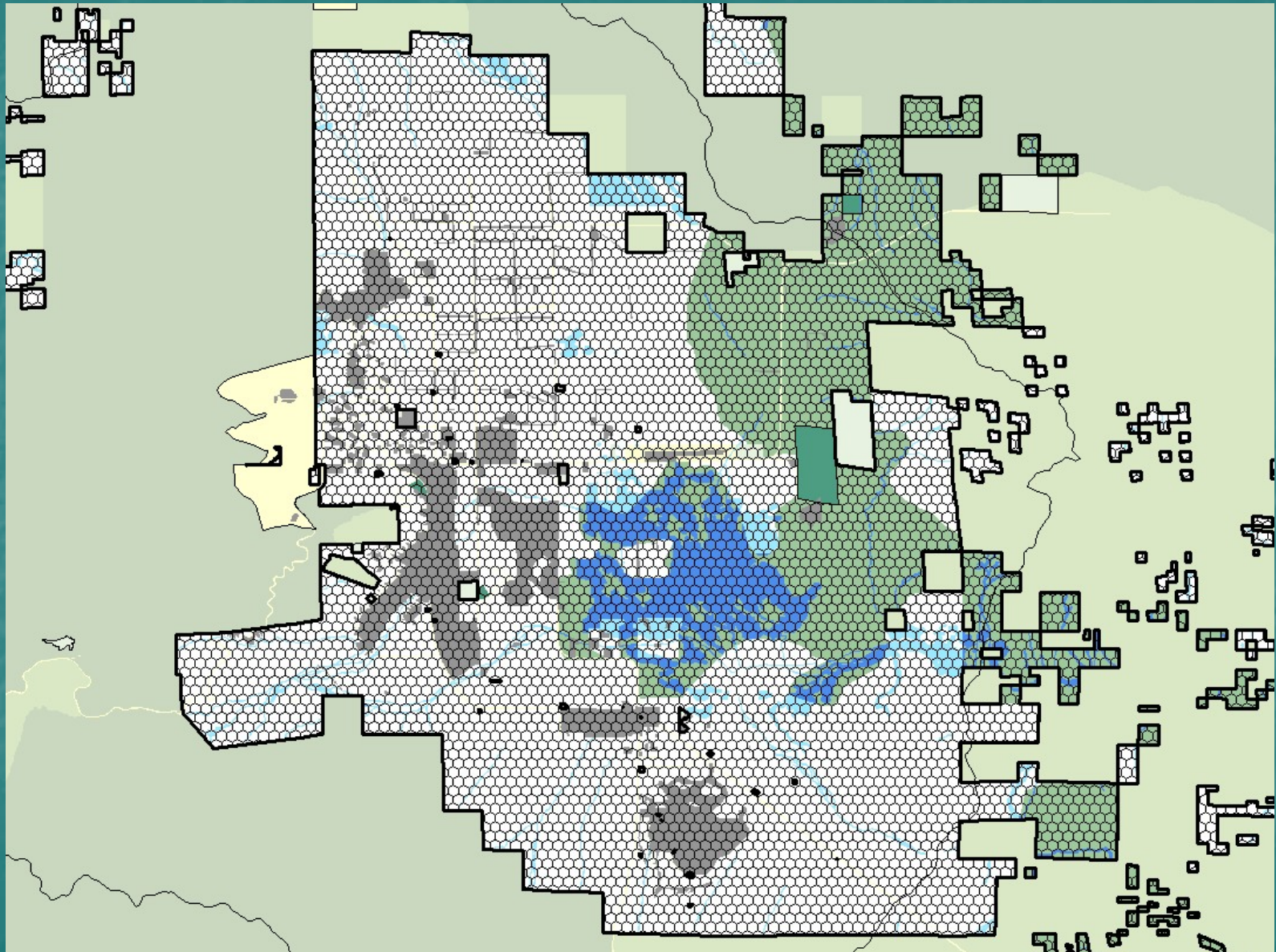
VEGETATION



SPECIES DISTRIBUTIONS



MARXAN RESULTS



POST-MARXAN PROCESS

PENDING DISCRETIONARY PERMITS/DEVELOPMENT

- Review of pending discretionary permits.
- Reviewing of other potential development within Study Area.



PRESERVE ADJUSTMENTS

- Removed isolated, scattered preserve fragments.
- Removed highly parcelized, developed, & disturbed areas.
- Filled in “donut holes” within preserve areas.
- Added particularly sensitive habitats.



LANDSCAPE-LEVEL CHANGES

- GIS-based filter of Marxan preserve based on size and shape of preserve areas.
- Size: 40 acre size threshold used to exclude small/isolated preserve areas or merge small/non-preserve areas.
- Shape: minor smoothing for a more natural preserve design using a GIS algorithm.

LINKAGES TO PUBLIC LAND/ PRESERVES

- Considered identified and potential regional linkages to public land and preserves (SC Wildlands/Las Californias).
- Value of isolated fragments of preserve reviewed to retain or delete from preserve.
- Fragments with poor quality habitat were removed.
- Fragments with high quality habitat were linked to adjacent public land/preserves.

SPECIES-SPECIFIC PRESERVE MODIFICATIONS

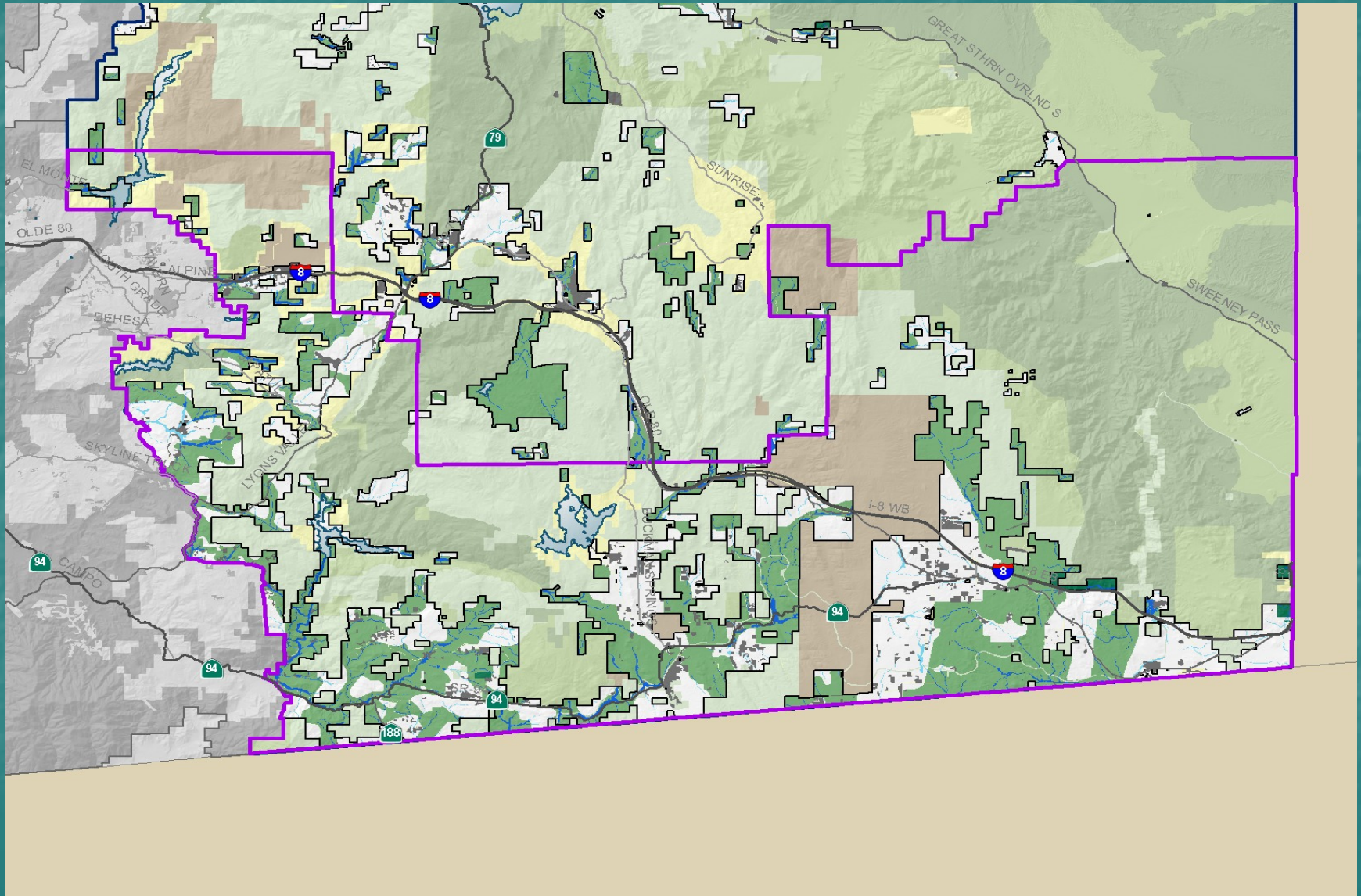
- Goal: raise conservation levels for four focal species through minor adjustments to preserve design.
- Especially areas with overlap/linkage needs.
- Examples:
 - Gander's cryptantha/FTHL (Borrego/Ocotillo Wells)
 - Tecate tarplant/Quino (southern foothills/mountain ecoregions).

FIELD SURVEYS

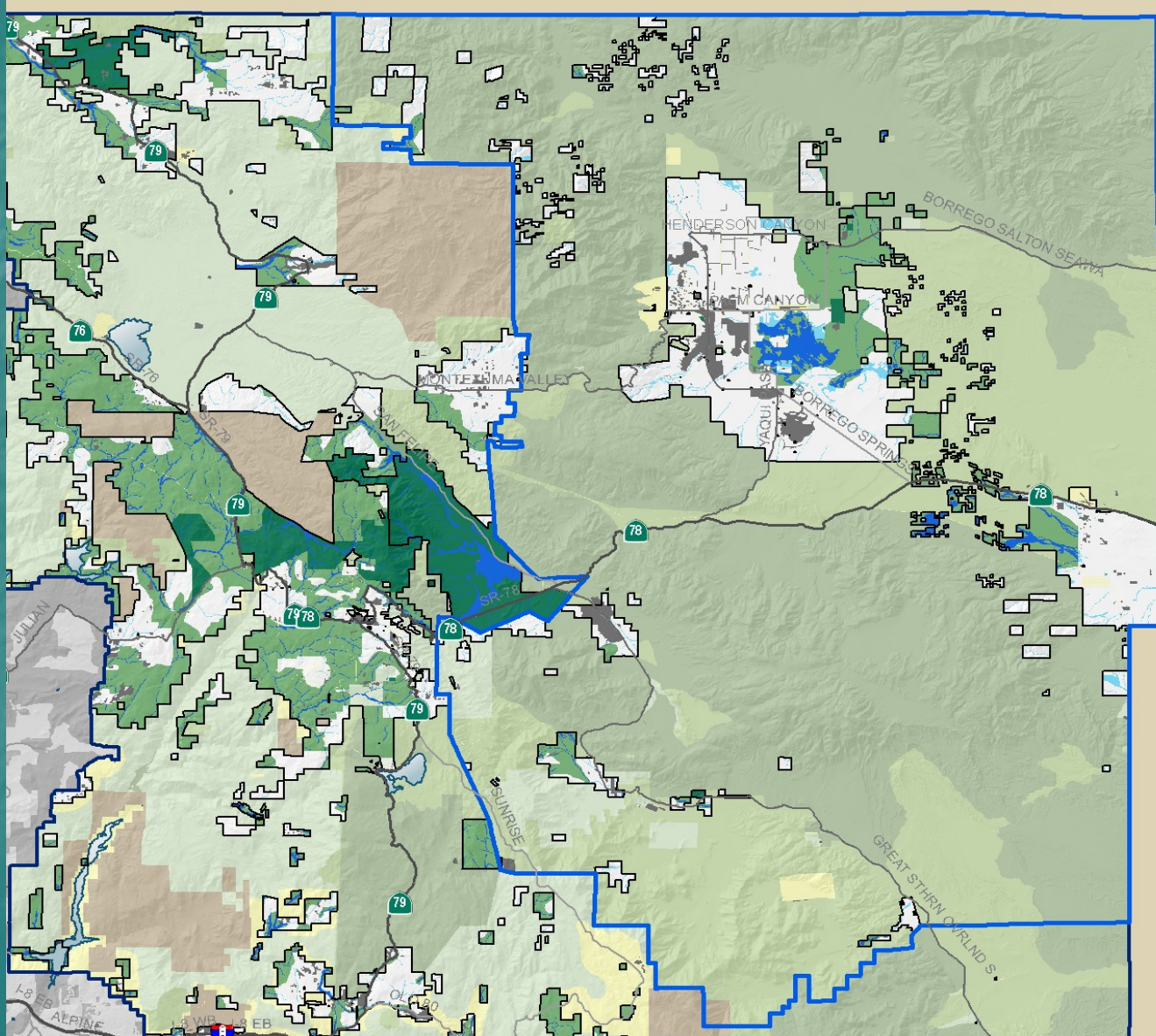
- Conducted with Wildlife Agencies/consultants.
- Reviewed draft map, field survey findings, aerial images, parcel data, and species data.
- Minor adjustments to preserve areas based on review-continued refinements ongoing.



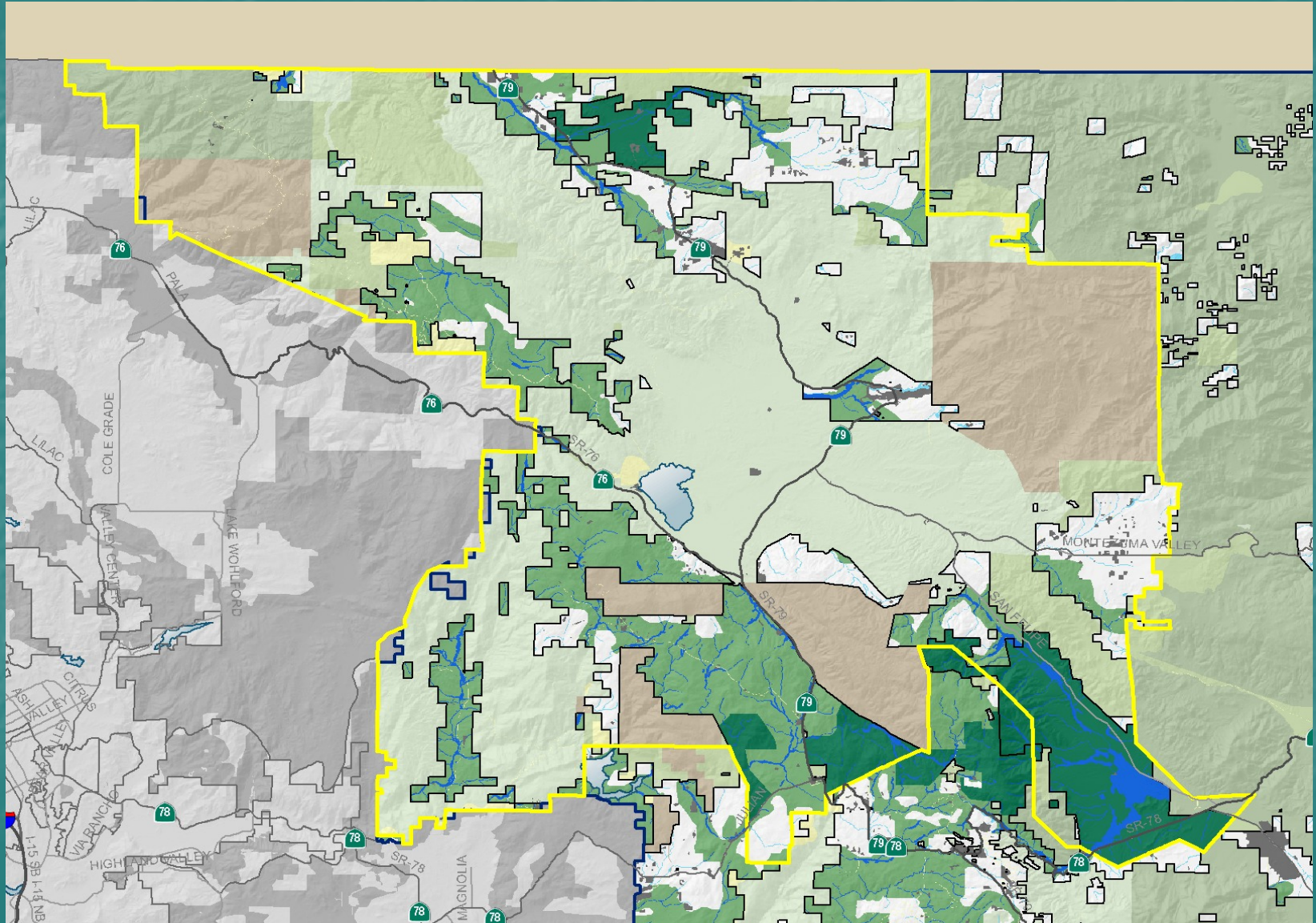
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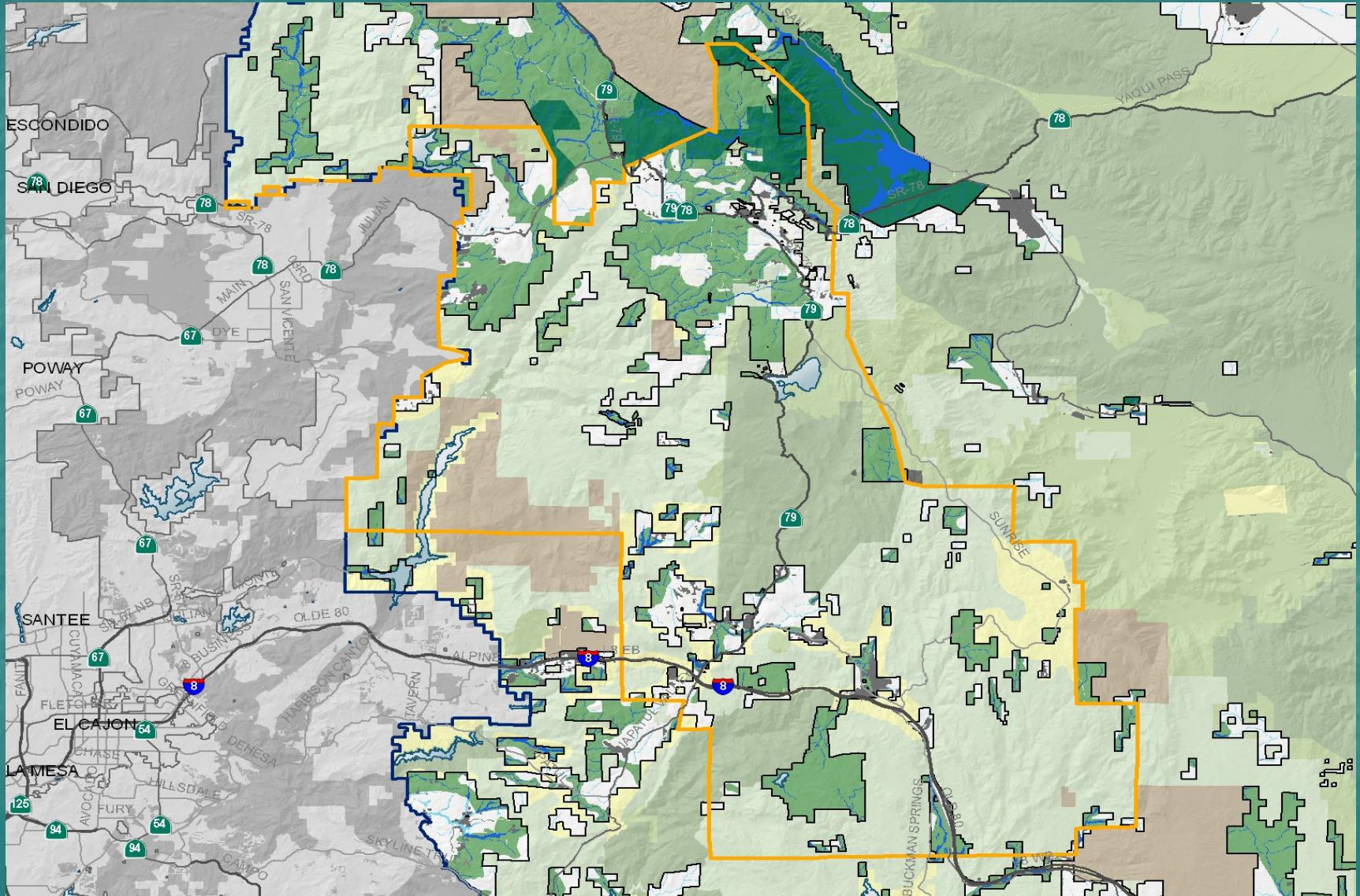
DESERT REGION



NORTH MOUNTAIN REGION



CENTRAL MOUNTAIN REGION



NEXT STEPS

- Revisions to preliminary draft map based on additional analysis, review, data, and input.
- Input will help in developing goals and tools for the East County Plan.
- Initiate drafting of Plan text.



NEXT PROPOSED MEETING

JANUARY 22, 2009

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Tower 7 (7th Floor)

County Administration Center

1600 Pacific Coast Hwy

East County Multiple Species Conservation Program Working Draft Focused Conservation Areas (FCA)

